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SUBJECT: CYPRUS TO SUPPORT US CANDIDACY FOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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Classified By: DCM Jonathan Cohen, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

(C) On April 22, Poloff delivered Reftel diplomatic note to Constantinos Christofides, Human Rights Desk Officer in the Cypriot MFA's Office of Multilateral Affairs. Christofides stated that the U.S. candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has the full backing of the GoC as well as the EU, which look forward to the U.S. becoming a "strong ally" and "burden-sharer on tough issues" on the Council.

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